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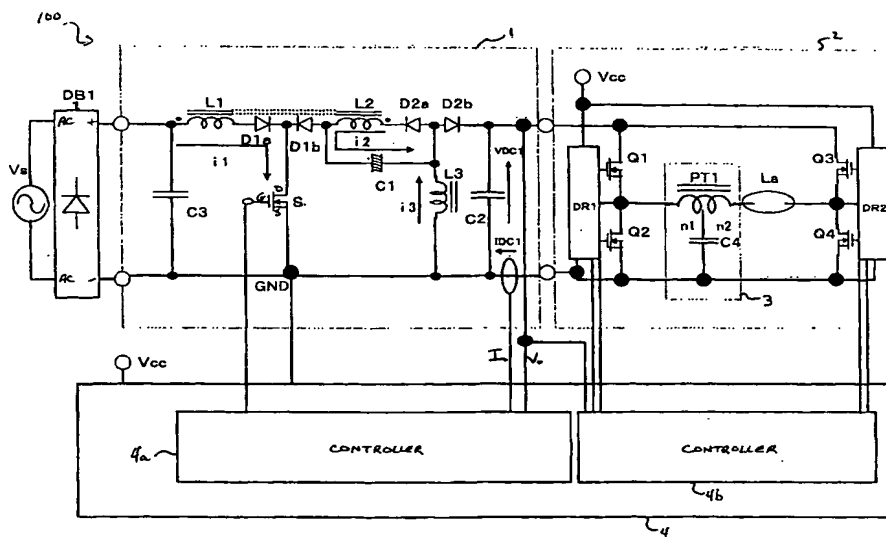
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(57) Abstract: A discharge lamp lighting control device (100) having a DC power converter, a power factor improving power con-
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includes a switching device S, a power factor improver, and a power converter. The power factor improver operates to smooth a
rectified voltage by storing energy in a first inductive device L1 and by discharging energy from a second inductive device L2, in
which the first and second inductive devices are magnetically coupled together. The storing and discharging is performed by turning
ON and OFF the switching device S. A predetermined DC voltage is converted by energy stored and discharged by a third inductive
device L3 in response to the turning ON and OFF of the switching device S.



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